CHURCH

1. When God's House is Neglected — Haggai 1:9.
2. What must the Church do to save Itself? — Rev. 2:7
3. The Priveleges of Church-membership. — Eph. 2:19.

Eph. 2[19] Now therefore, ye are no more strangers and pilgrims, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

Theme:- The Privileges of Church-membership.

Intro:- 1. The Church is the body of believers in Jesus Christ & xty, of which Christ is the head and God's Spirit the life-blood.

2. The Church is the only ~~in~~ definite organization we have where the religion and right principles we stand for are regularly and constantly represented.

The 3. The Sanctuary has given the spiritual and moral influence inspiration which has supplied every generation with its living patriots, heroes, teachers, pluralists and saviors.

a- Washington, John Adams, Madison, Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Jackson, W. H. Harrison, Tyler, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Johnson, Hays, Garfield, Arthur, Clevelands, Benj. Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt, and Taft — Church members.

b- Abraham Lincoln, a regular attendant + devout student of the Bible.

"Yes"

"How many applicants for membership have you examined?"

"I do not know, but hundreds."

"Sir, how many of these received a pension who had never joined the army?"

"Not one, not one." Oh, how my wife & smile gave the clinch.

Working Ch. Members.

U. M. Beecher, admiring a horse. "That is a fine-looking animal. Is he as good as he looks?"

Owner - "Mr. Beecher, that horse will work in any place you put him and do all that any horse can do."

— "Gush to goodness he was a member of my church."

Selfish Churches.

Most churches are religious cisterns instead of spiritual reservoirs. A cistern has all the trenches dug, the pipes laid, the roofs fitted to catch the showers of the passing day, and the water runs into it to be stored out by the owner or occupant of the field for the purpose of consumption. A reservoir has streams running into it, but all its trenches are dug and pipes laid in order that the water shall flow away from it, for the purpose of distribution."

I. The Church is a Home.

"of the household of faith."
"the household of God."

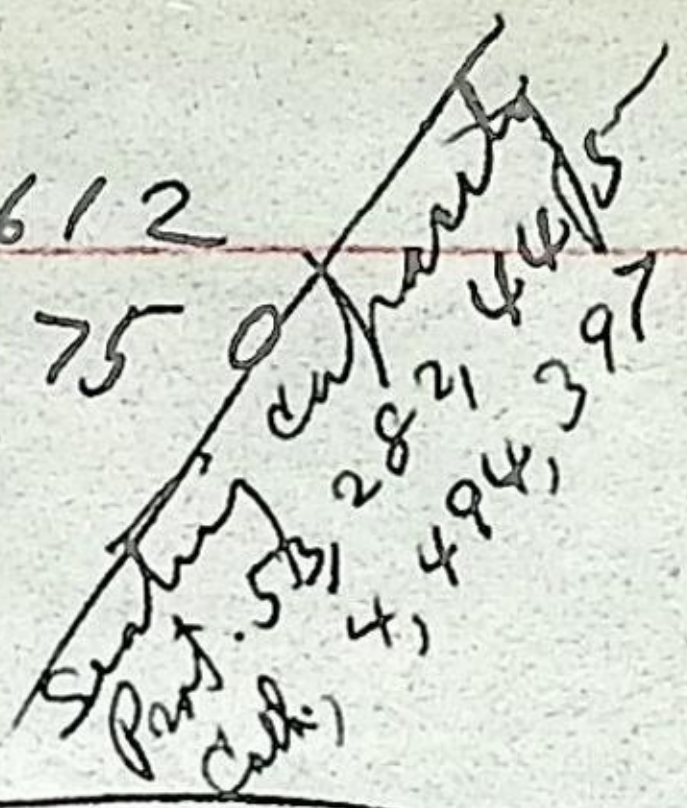
1. The home of identification.
2. The home of fellowship.
   a - with God. b - with one another.
3. The home of worship
   devotional & inspirational
4. The home of truth.
5. The home of highest ideals.
6. The home of service.

II. The rewording of current questions.

1. Why should I go to church?
   Why should I not go to church?
2. What has the church done for me?
   What have I done for the church?

1911.
Catholic 12,556,612
Protest. 20,652,750

1890 — 20,597,941
1911 — 33,209,362



A father (wealthy man) at the funeral of his daughter, to a life-long chum.

"There is nothing in these things. You and I have been living for a good time and success. We have gotten everything we could during the week. We have been good poker players on Sat. night, we have spent and sundays in the automobile and driving, and our social pleasures, we have put the club & the bank first, and my sons has disgraced me with his shameless marriage, and my daughter is dead. I tell you, Ted, there is only one place in which to bring up a family, and that is the big church. What with money & wine & poker & pleasure all day Sunday, and parties all Sunday night, my family have been ruined. People don't know what the result of this kind of living will be until the end comes, but I know."

Joining the Church.

Dr. "I believe in religion as much as you do, and I accept it as my Savior but I will never join any church."

"Dr, you are a heathen exquisite."

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